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### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of the Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for ~~preventing~~ controlling in-grown hair resulting from a shaving process, the method comprising:

providing a cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of a ~~neutralized~~ salt of a non-hydroxy C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>40</sub> di-carboxylic acid;
- (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

applying the composition to an area of skin designated for shaving, the application being prior to, concurrent with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action.

Claim 2 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the dicarboxylic acid is present as a half neutralized and a fully neutralized acid in a molar ratio ranging from about 1000:1 to about 1:1000, respectively.

Claim 3 (original): The method according to claim 2 wherein the molar ratio is about 2:1 to about 1:200.

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Claim 4 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the razor action occurs with an electric shaver.

Claim 5 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the composition is provided as a mousse.

Claim 6 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the composition is packaged in an aerosol or a mechanical pump package.

Claim 7 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is formed with a base selected from the group consisting of ammonia, alkaline salts of alkali metals or alkaline earth metal bases, amino acids and combinations thereof.

Claim 8 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is ammonium malonate.

Claim 9 (new): A method for controlling in-grown hair of individuals possessing facial hair with natural curvature susceptible to experiencing a problem with in-grown hair resulting from a shaving process, the method comprising:

providing a cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of an in-grown hair control agent consisting essentially of a salt of a non-hydroxy C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>40</sub> di-carboxylic acid;

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- (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

applying the composition to an area of skin designated for shaving, the application being prior to, concurrent with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action.

Claim 10 (new): The method according to claim 9 wherein the dicarboxylic acid is present as a half neutralized and a fully neutralized acid in a molar ratio ranging from about 1000:1 to about 1:1000, respectively.

Claim 11 (new): The method according to claim 10 wherein the molar ratio is about 2:1 to about 1:200.

Claim 12 (new): The method according to claim 9 wherein the razor action occurs with an electric shaver.

Claim 13 (new): The method according to claim 9 wherein the composition is provided as a mousse.

Claim 14 (new): The method according to claim 9 wherein the composition is packaged in an aerosol or a mechanical pump package.

Claim 15 (new): The method according to claim 9 wherein the salt is formed with a base selected from the group consisting of ammonia, alkaline salts of alkali metals or alkaline earth metal bases, amino acids and combinations thereof.

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Claim 16 (new): The method according to claim 9 wherein the salt is ammonium malonate.

Claim 17 (new): The method according to claim 1 wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of malonic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, phthalic acid, terephthalic acid and combinations thereof.

Claim 18 (new): The method according to claim 1 wherein the acid is malonic acid.

Claim 19 (new): The method according to claim 9 wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of malonic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, phthalic acid, terephthalic acid and combinations thereof.

Claim 20 (new): The method according to claim 9 wherein the acid is malonic acid.